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ESTCOURT'S MENACE

Strong Boer Force at Ennerdale, Few Miles North.

THE BRITISH LOSS AT SHIEVELEY

Boer Report From Pretoria of Fighting Around Ladysmith.

MORE TRANSPORTS ARRIVE

ESTCOURT, November 17 (afternoon) .-The Elmelo Boer force has taken up a position near Ennerdale, a few miles north They have eight seven-pounders and two French guns. Their strength is 2,000 men. They have looted Henderson's

All is quiet here and ready for the enemy if it attacks. There is no anxiety. Copeland, of the Durban Volunteers, was crushed to death by the derailed truck, and Godfrey, a plate layer, was shot through the head, but is doing well. Lieut. Alexander had an exciting experience. A Fusiller, who had been wounded in the arm by a shell, which shattered the limb, swung round and hit Alexander in the The shell burst in front of the lieutenant, on a level with his face, and he staggered blinded for a moment. The next instant he saw his comrade lying dead at his feet, while he himself was unharmed.

Private Kavanagh of the Dublins per formed splendid work. When the British firing line fell back, he, time after time, rallied the men, volleyed and prevented the horseshoe line of the Boers from enveloping the train.

PRETORIA, Wednesday, November 15 .-In an engagement yesterday morning south of Ladysmith the British advanced with thirteen guns, attacking 380 burghers of the Transvaal. A big gun was fired on the troops, who retired at 8 o'clock to Akloof, near Ladysmith. The British loss is unknown. The Boers had one man killed and three wounded. In addition, they had thirtsen horses killed and seven horses

Ladysmith Closely Invested. PRETORIA, Thursday, November 9.-The

following dispatch has been received from the Beer camp at Elandslaagte, under to-"Ladysmith has been completely encircled

wan hill, in front of Ladysmith. The firing to the present.

"Botha has heliographed from the south of Ladysmith that the British batteries opened a heavy fire with big guns, and continuously dropped shells into the works around Ladysmith.

The Pretoria force was in a tight place, having taken up a position commanded by sh fire, which was so hot that the position became untenable. The big gun, however, saved the situation."

LONDON, November 17.-If was officially announced today that the British transports Malta, City of Vienna and City of Cambridge have arrived at Cape Town, and that the transport Manila has sailed from Cape Town for Natal,

The British transport Orient has arrived at Durban.

The Situation at Kimberley.

KIMBERLEY, Thursday, November 9 (evening), via Hope Town, Sunday, November 12-The Boers were busy yesterday in throwing up fresh earthworks. There has been no further bombardment. The De Beers mines are practically closed. Thousands of the employes are now domiciled in the center of the town and are being provisioned by the mayor's relief fund. authorities have ordered all civilgive up their arms and ammunition, with the view of preventing irrespon-sibles firing at the Boers, in contravention of the laws of civilized warfare Natives report that the Boers cheered each shell as it was fired yesterday, be-lieving it meant the destruction of Kimber-

The Boers are now wearing khaki uniforms and blue puggarees, making it diffi-cult to distinguish them from the British. Locusts are appearing.

THREE KILLED, NINE WOUNDED.

Boer Statement of British Loss at Chievely Wednesday,

The Red Cross train has again returned without bringing in the dead and wounded. The Boers declined to give any information as to the names of either killed or injured. referring the inquirers to the Pretoria press for all information. All that they would disclose was the fact that three of the British were dead and nine wounded. A correspondent who visited the Sanatorium Hospital says all the armored train wounded are doing well.

Capt. Wylie, in an interview, said Sergt. Tod deserves special mention for having surrounded him with boulders to protect him from the rifle fire, when lying helpless and wounded. Tod even lay down beside the officer to cheer him up. A shell landed among the protecting boulders, spattering them with earth, but Capt. Wylle sustained no further injury. But for Tod he would have been killed.

Winston Churchill's Gallantry.

Several men escaped marvelously. When Winston Churchill requested Captain Wylle to call for volunteers to remove the upset truck bullets, it is said, were dropping on the train "like rain." The men throughout stuck to their work, responding to the noble example set by Churchill and Litutenant Franklin, until the line was cleared. Churchill actually left with the engine. but he got out at Frere, the next station,

took a rifle from a soldier, saying he could not leave the wounded, and walked away in the direction of the Boers. Sergeant Hassett of the Dublin Fusiliers

behaved with the greatest gallantry. He took charge of the firing party and stood up undinchingly during the Boers' hot fire. His example electrified the Fusiliers, who His example electrified the Fusiliers, who
kept the Boers at bay by volleying.
Captain Haldane fell early in the engagement, shot through the shoulder.
Lieutenant Franklin's conduct is highly
praised. He exhibited great coolness during the critical period. He is reported miss-

Story of the Fight.

An armored train, having on board a half company of Durban volunteers and a half company of the Dublin Fusillers, steamed to Chieveley early Wednesday morning. On its return it was shelled by the artillery of the Boers, placed in four positions. Two trucks in front of the engine left the rails, toppling over. While the train was thus helpless, the Durbans and Dublins faced the Boers in skirmishing order, and the Boers poured shot and shell into the crip-pled train. The derailed cars were with great difficulty removed, and the life great difficulty removed, and the line was

cleared, when the engine and tender teamed back. The Natal Mercury, describing the en-

The Natal Mercury, describing the engagement, says:

"The enemy apparently opened fire with a Maxim and two nine-pounders, getting the range accurately. The fire was so severe that telegraph wires and poles were destroyed. Their guns were posted on a kopic covered with brushwood, and their sharpshooters were hidden behind boulders. The Dublins and volunteers, fighting an unequal battle, thrice drove the enemy are in a publish and volunteers, ingaing an unequal battle, thrice drove the enemy back, but the flerceness of the rifle and big gun fire was too much for the brave little party, which was weakened at the outset by the overturning of the trucks hurting several.

Boers Were in Ambush.

"It appears that the Boers were in ambush. As soon as the train had passed up they emerged from cover and dislodged the sleeper bolts.

The wounded and missing of the armored train contingent are estimated at from 100 to 150, of whom about 90 are either killed, wounded or missing. The missing includes Captain Haldane. The British seen

The British seem to have walked into a deliberate trap. It is believed that few escaped, and that the others are prisoners in the hands of the Boers. Many of the wounded were brought back on the locomodium of the armored train. tive and tender of the armored train.

Captain Haldane of the Gordon Highlanders was attached to the Fusiliers, and

other officers were with them.

The armored engine has many builet marks, and its dome cover is smashed, as also is its automatic exhaust pipe and twenty-five-ton screwjack. The tender is also pitted with bullet marks. It is rumored that Lleutenant Churchill

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR THE BRITISH.

neck, almost smothering him with blood. Disaster at Chievely Puts New Aspect on Campaign.

LONDON, November 17 .- The serious and unexpected disaster to the Estcourt armored train, on the eve of the ferward movement for the relief of Ladysmith, has apparently convinced the British that the advance would be contested step by step. The Boers are seemingly swarming south of Colenso, while a large force has come from the neighborhood of Ladysmith a much larger force has arrived from elsewhere, and probably will turn out to be Gen. Schalkbergen's corps. The Boers are evidently straining every nerve and bringing up every man to reduce Ladysmith before the British relief force is ready. Their op-erations southward snow considerable bold-ness and correctness of strategy. If their aim is to isolate Estcourt by cutting off communication with the Mooi river, where there is an important railroad bridge, everything points to the belief that the officer commanding the relieving column will have a more difficult task than is generally assumed. In front he will have a broad river to cross in the presence of the Boers; on his right and, probably in his rear, will be hostile bodies who are continually demonstrating their superior cunning.

British Loss at Chievely. The official account of the disaster to the by the Boer forces. Our second big gun Estcourt armored train show that a hunwas successfully placed in position on Bul- dred missing men are now probably already on their way to Pretoria to swell the large of heavy guns commenced early this morn-number of British prisoners already there ing, with no casualties to the burghers up | besides a score of wounded, demonstrating. it is claimed, that the British must have encountered big odds, as all accounts agree that the small British force fought with the utmost bravery. Winston Churchil's brilliant behavior is compared with the galiant action in the Tirah campaign which won the Victoria cross for Lord Fincastle, he also acting as a newspaper correspon-dent at the time. The railroad men of Estcourt have already forwarded a dispatch to the general manager of the railroad, ex-pressing admiration for the coolness and pluck of young Churchill, to whose efforts they attribute the saving of the engine and tender and wounded, and asking the manager to convey their admiration for the

Rumor of Another Disaster.

There are rumors of another disaster to an Estcourt armored train, and it is reported that twenty-five volunteers, who formed the escort, are missing. But there

is no confirmation of these reports. When definite news from Ladysmith is available, it will doubtless be found that the garrison has been having a lively time evertheless, not much credence should be aid to the stories of trainloads of Boer ounded taken toward Pretoria as the reult of a crushing defeat sustained at the hands of the British. Experience has shown that these Kaffirgrams, even though ema-nating from missionaries, are not trustvorthy. However, there seems no doubt hat there have been some sharp affairs. Heavy rifle firing followed by an explosion was heard in the direction of Ladysmith before daylight Thursday, indicating a light surprise, and, possibly, the explosion

a magazine. of a magazine.

The transports already officially announced today as having arrived at Cape
Town, carried the following troops: The
Malta-Mounted Infantry Reserves and the Coldstream Guards; total seventy-five offi-cers and 1,387 men. The City of Vienna-The cavalry brigade staff, the 12th Lan-The cavairy origine stair, the 13th Lan-cers and a field hospital; total fifteen offi-cers and 310 men. The City of Cambridge— The Second Scottish Rifles and a field hos-pital; total forty-five officers and 965 men. A dispatch from Pretoria gives the min ister of mines interim announcement of the gold output for October as a total of 17,846 ounces against 428,556 in September and 482,108 in August. The dispatch adds somewhat ironically, that some of the com-

panies have not worked the full month. Boers Force in Zululand.

The Standard and Diggers' News an nounces that 6,000 Boers are marching through Zuzuland. It also says that a deserter from Ladysmith reports great anxlely among the troops to escape, and that the provision stores are loaded on wagons, ready for the flight of the British.

The war office has received the following dispatch from General Buller: "CAPE TOWN, Thursday, November 16-Evening.—Have received from Hildyard, Pietermaritzburg, a felegram, dated No-vember 15, of which the following is the purport: The officer commanding the troops a

Estcourt reports, at midday, that an armored train left Estcourt this morning with a company of the Dublin Fusiliers and a company of the Durban volunteers. North of Frere they encountered a party of Boers and began to withdraw. While retiring and began to withdraw, while returns some of the trucks were derailed. The Dublins turned out and advanced toward the enemy, while the rest of the train appropriate the returned without them to

t. officer commanding the troops reports that he was sending mounted troops in order to cover their withdrawal, but that about 100 are missing."

British May Abandon Esteourt.

The London Times publishes the following dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated Wednesday, November 15:

"Estcourt is short of artillery. The garrison may retire to the Mool river, southward, tonight, in case a strong force of Boers should advance. The enemy's intention is to keep back the British relieving column.' According to the Pietemaritzburg cor-

respondent of the London Outlook, rumors are current in the Natal capital that the Boers contemplate a retreat. It is needless, however, to attach importance to such reports, which are spread in all probability with a view of luring Gen. White, if possible, to abandon his defensive attitud The West Yorkshire regiment, 'the "Prince of Wales' own," commanded by Col. Kitchener, brother of Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, has arrived at Estcourt from Durban. The troops there "sleep in their boots," and the utmost vigilance is main-

tained, and it is rumored that some important movement is imminent Special dispatches from Lorenzo Marques says that the Transvaal government is ex-erclising censorship over all war news, and

will not allow newspapers to leave the country. One correspondent says the Boers are hurrying new commandoes to Lady-smith, and are declaring that the place must fall speedly. In order to liberate their forces, so that these may go to meet Gen. Buller's advance.

BY A ROUNDABOUT ROUTE.

Con-munications to Consul Macrum Sent via Lorenzo Marquez.

The State Department has been obliged to address all communications to United PROMOTIONS IN THE THIRTY-THIRD States Consul Macrum at Johannesburg and the subconsular officers in that section of Africa through the Portuguese town of Lorenzo Marquez, on Delagoa bay. This roundabout course has been adopted owing to the overcrowding of the telegraphic and mail facilities of Cape Colony. No code or cipher messages are permitted, even by the Portuguese route, and all communications must be open and in English.

TO THROW LOUISVILLE'S VOTE OUT. Latest Move of the Goebel Crowd in

Kentucky. LOUISVILLE, Ay., November 17.—At-forneys for Wm. Goebel today filed notice with the local election board asking that the vote of the city of Louisville be thrown | Five days clapsed before the body could be

safe plurality.

Buford S. Williams, Coleman Carr and Wingate Thompson, democratic election officers of Franklin county, were today indicted by the federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy and intimidation against col-

IMPROVING THE JAMES.

A Delegation From Richmond Urges

Its Importance. A large delegation from Richmond called upon the Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of War today and urged that they make forcible recommendation to Congress for the improvement of the James river. It was represented to the Secretary of the Navy that the shipbuilding yards on the James made it important that the river be eepened, as naval vessels were being constructed there. It was shown to the Sec-etary of War that the improvements under the present project would require forty sears for completion, and even then a satis-factory depth of water would not be ob-

INSPECTION OF IMMIGRANTS.

ommissioner Powderly Contemplates Making It More Rigid.

T. V. Powderly, the commissioner general f immigration, is considering the means of having a more rigid physical inspection of immigrants at the principal foreign ports. It frequently happens, he says, that mmigrants afflicted with contagious disases are discovered in the steerage on ariving at the ports of this country. These are refused admission under our laws, but hose with whom they associated on the royage across the Atlantic are permitted o land and go their various ways throughut the country.

Commissioner Powderly, in speaking of Commissioner Powderly, in speaking of the matter, says that from reports received by him from officials of the immigration bureau who have made investigations, he is convinced that the examination of immi-grants by medical officers abroad is a very perfunctory affair and is performed at the moment of embarkation, when the immi-grants pass rapidly before the physician. In oing so they have scarcely time to remov he covering from the head, and unless the hysician is possessed of an "X-ray" eye is difficult to detect many of the allowers detect many of the ailments with which immigrants are afflicted.

THE OUTBREAK IN BAHIA.

No Advices Received by the Brazilian Legation. The Brazilian legation has received no adices on the reported rebel uprising in the

province of Bahia, Brazil, and the rumors of trouble are treated as baseless. Mail advices bringing affairs down to recent date have recently come to the legation, and these make no reference whatever to any ineasiness in any part of Brazil. It is said uneasiness in any part of Brazil. It is said that while some trifling local disorder may lave arisen, nothing of a serious political character has been involved

EXCHANGING NOTES,

Negotiations Going on Over Commer--cial Arrangement With Italy.

The Italian ambassador, Baron Pava, and teclprocity Commissioner Kasson are exhanging notes concerning a new commerfal arrangement between the United States and Ituly, and the negotiations are proceed-ing so satisfactorily that hopes are expressed of a final conclusion at an early

OFFERS OF BONDS.

Telegrams Received Today Tendering About \$400,000 Worth.

The Treasury Department today received elegrams from individuals in different porlons of the country offering bonds to the amount of \$400,000. This, however, does not include the offers made at subtreasuries. These offers will not be known until the close of business this afternoon. The egate offered yesterday was about \$3, 250,000, practically all of it in New York. It is not known so far whether the majorof the offers are from banks or individ-

Naval Orders.

Lieut. Commander H. Morrell has been ordered to the New York navy yard for duty in the ordnance department. Commander J. G. Eaton has been assigned to additional duty in connection with the fitting out of the Chesapeake, and will

ake command of that vessel when placed Lieut, J. M. Reeves, to course of instruc tions in bureau of equipment.
Lieut. F. Lyon, from Dixie to Machias.
Lieut. T. Washington, from the Indiana
home and await orders.
Lieut. J. L. Latimer, from duty in the

Passed Assistant Surgeon G. B. Wilson, Passed Assistant Surgeon G. B. rom the Constellation to the Dixle. Passed Assistant Surgeon R. P. Crandall, the Constellation.

Acting Warrant Machinist W. W. Booth, rom the Chicago to the Indiana. Acting Warrant Machinist A. Cottrell rom the Indiana to the Chicago.
Paymaster H. R. Sullivan, to Cavite naval station, via San Francisco and the steamer of December 5

Movements of Warships.

The Dolphin has arrived at Port of Spain preparatory to making a survey of the mouth of the Orinoco river, and marking some dangerous shoals yet uncharted. The Piscataqua and the Potomac were put in commission yesterday at Portsmouth, N. H.

The Marblehead has arrived at Corinto and the Eagle at Gibara. The battle ship Kentucky passed Cape Henry at noon yesterday bound for New York, where she is to be docked to fit her for her acceptance trial off the New Eng-The Standish has arrived at Norfolk,

Died of Typhoid in Cuba. The adjutant general today received cable message from Gen. Brooke at Havana announcing the death of James B. Bennett of Company E, 2d Cavalry, who died on the 15th instant of typhoid fever.

BURIED AT MANILA

Major Logan's Remains Not to Be Sent Home Now,

Condition of the Railway Much Improved.

LENIENCY TO FILIPINOS

A dispatch was received at the War Department today from Gen. Otis saying that t was impossible to send the remains of the late Maj. John A. Logan to this country now and that he was buried at Manila. out. They claim that the election officers and voters were intimidated by the militia, ordered out by Governor Bradley on November 7. If the election board throws out the vote of Louisville Goebel will have a safe plurality.

Buford S. Williams, Coleman Carr and Wingate Thompson, democratic election

Promotions in the 33d.

The death of Maj. Logan has resulted in the promotion of the following named officers of the 33d Infantry: Capt. E. A. Sirmyer, second Heutenant, 3d Cavalry, to be major; First Lieut. William S. Cunningham, formerly of the 4th Texas Volunteers, to be captain; and Second Lieut. John W. Healey, formerly of the 6th Virginia Volunteers, to be first lieutenant. The vacancy in the grade of second lieutenant will be filled from the ranks upon the recommendation of the colonel commanding the regiment. Maj. Strmyer is a native of Michigan and was graduated from the Military Academy in the class of 1893.

Condition of the Railroad.

Reports received at the War Department indicate that the railroad running out of Manila is in comparatively good condition. Lieut. Hatch, superintendent of the railway, made a trip over the line recently and reports that the roadbed is in excellent condition and that all trains-regular and specials-make good connections and reach the front on time. Gen. MacArthur and a party recently went over the line at a speed of thirty miles an hour. That was record time, but the roadbed has been improved so much since under American supervision that thirty-five miles an hour can now be made with entire safety.

Leniency Toward Filipinos.

A mail report received at the War Department gives an instance of the fairness and eniency shown by the military authorities at Manila to Filipines arrested for violating the rules of war. In July hast Manuel Toledo, a merchant of Guagua, undertook to take a lot of contrahand articles, including salt, from Manila to Guagua, but the caseo employed being poorly equipped with poles and sails, instead of gaiting into the mouth of the Rio Grande, as intended by the navi-gators, drifted before the wind over to the pened to be in that vicinity, engaged in patrol work, and as the captain and crew of the caseo falled to give a satisfactory explanation of their conduct, the boat and contents were selzed. The caseo was turned over to the customs authorities at Manile and declared forfeits. over to the customs authorities at Manila and declared forfeited to the United States with all the freight it contained. Toledo, the owner, determined not to lose his prop-erty, however, without a struggle. He employed lawyers to present his case to the governor general, who gave them a fair hearing, but decided that the seizure was just and proper. Owing to the good reputation of Toledo and certain extenuating cir-cumstances connected with the transaction, however, the governor general said the United States would waive its full rights in the matter to the extent of returning to the owner the proceeds of the sale of the condemned cargo. "And thus," says the re-port, "military justice was tempered with

The Marietta at Port Said.

The Marietta arrived at Port Said yesterday. She is on her way to Manila, about three days behind the New Orleans, which in turn is about two days in the rear of the Brooklyn, but is closing up the

CLOSING IN ON THE INSURGENTS. Generals MacArthur and Lawton's

Forces Near a Junction. MANILA, November 17, 9:20 a.m.-Gens. MacArthur's and Lawton's commands are new near each other. Gen. MacArthur is getting supplies in Tarlac over the railroad from Bamban with an engine which was raised from the river by the 9th Infantry. Col. Howes, who occupied Victoria with six troops of the 3d Cavalry, has advanced to Rosales. A letter was found at Victoria from Private Desmond of the Signal Corps, one of the twenty-one American prisoners held there. These prisoners, the letter said, were expecting to be taken to the moun-

tains before the army arrived. Two thousand insurgents are reported to e masssing at Gerona, above Tarlac, and Gen. Macardo is said to be in the mountains west of Angeles with 1,000 men, proposing make raids. Rain has been falling throughout the month, and for the pas there has been a heavy downpour The whole country is in as bad condition as at any time this season.

MR. HOBART NOT SO WELL.

The Vice President Had Slight Setback Last Night.

PATERSON, N. J., November 17 .- There vas a slight change for the worse last night in the condition of Vice President Hobart, but he slept without the aid of opiates and was feeling better this morning, although not as well as he had been for the three or four previous days. Dr. Newton is in constant attendance. Hobart ate solid food this morning and at noon was resting comfortably.

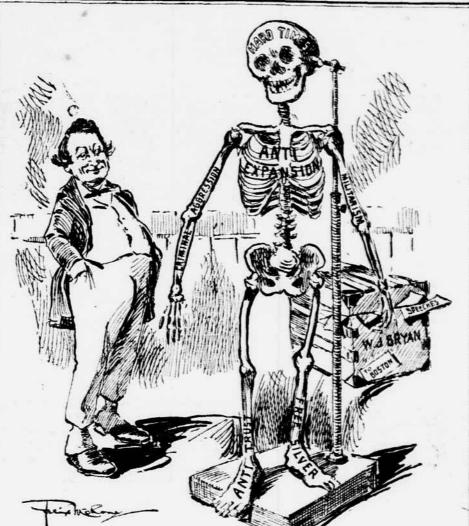
FOREIGN COLONISTS FAVOR DIAZ. Americans in Mexico Take Action-Dr Zaldiver's Mission.

MEXICO CITY, November 17.-The foreign colonies resident here are taking action favoring the re-election of President Diaz, acting on the suggestion of the leading members of the liberal party of Mexico. The American colony metivesterday and passed resolutions approving the movement in favor of the re-election of President Diaz. This is as far as the foreign residents deem it decorous to go, and they have only done so in response to the cordial invitation to show their feeling in the matter. matter. Dr. Zaldiver, Salvadorean minister to

Mexico, who is generally accredited to European countries, left last night for the United Strates, en route to London and Paris, and will for some time reside in the TRAGEDY AT MIDDLESBORO', KY.

Bledsoe. MIDDLESBORO, Ky., November 17 .-John M. Tate former representative of Lee county, Va., was shot and killed today by Deputy Sheriff Evan Bledsoe of the same county. Tate was a leading democratic politician and Bledsoe a leader among the republishes. Trouble over politics led to the killing.

John M. Tate Killed by Deputy Sheriff



"Mr. Bryan will spend the coming winter in New England speechmaking."

-News Dispatch.

BRYAN: "There, that ought to scare 'em into line."

MICHAEL ROLLINGER HANGED.

hicago Wife Murderer Protested His Innocence on Gallows. CHICAGO, November 17.-Michael Emil Rollinger, who murdered his wife last December and then set fire to the house in an endeavor to hide his crime, was hanged in the county jail today. The drop fell at 12:07 p.m. Rollinger's neck was broken by member of the church, taught the Bible the fall, and he was pronounced dead ten minutes later.

In an impassioned speech from the galows Rollinger protested his innocence. He All his money had been taken from him to carry the case to the supreme court, which that Mrs. Settle is ill, and the death of her "I say before my mother and my chil-dren," he concluded, "that I am an inno-oent man."

Michael Emil Rollinger was hanged for the murder of his wife, Theresa, at their home in this city December 16, 1808. The manner in which he is said to have disposed of his wife was first by choking her and then building a fire with some furniture and placing the body on it. Suspicion was aroused by his actions and an investiga-

(Austria) as Roilinger.

It is supposed that he killed his wife in order that he might marry the girl. He had two trials, the first resulting in a disagreement of the jury. One of the chief witnesses against him was his eleven-year old son, who declared all the children had een sent away on a slight pretext the day

the crime is said to have been committed MEETS AT MILWAUKEE NEXT.

National Municipal League Completes Its Work at Columbus. COLUMBUS, Ohio, November 17.-The executive committee of the National Municipal League today chose Milwaukee as the place of the next meeting. Boston was a prominent candidate, but the western city won. The meeting of the league today opened with an address by Prof. L. S.

Rowe of the University of Pennsylvania on "Public Accounting Under the Proposed Municipal Program." The discussion of the topic was opened by Dr. E. W. Hartwell, secretary of the Boston municipal statistical committee, who spoke on "The Financial Reports of Municipalities, with Special Reference to the

Requirement of Uniformity."

Dr. Samuel E. Sparling, secretary of the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, discussed the same phase of the subject. Financial Control Over Receipts and Expenditures" was the theme of A. L. Cres by, former deputy auditor of the city of "The Accounts of Municipal Industrial

Enterprises" was treated by Prof. C. W. Tooke of the University of Illinois. Walter S. Allen of Boston discussed "The Accounts of Grantees of Franchises This afternoon there was a general dis-cussion of the report of the committee on municipal program looking to the fina adoption of the model charter, which com-pleted the work of the league for this session.

HACKNEYS HAVE THEIR DAY. Much Interest in Contest for the Chal-

lenge Cup. NEW YORK, November 17 .- Hackneys had the floor during the early hours at the horse show today. The horses were shown in hand, giving something of a show in the ring, and then followed the tedious business of looking them over for con formation. Yearlings and three-year-old hackney stallions were judged, and then the winners of the three classes of hackney mares, three years old, which have been in foal in 1899, which were classed according to height, were judged as a class together for the championship, a prize of \$200 and the silver cup of the American Hackney Society. Frederick C. Stevens' Lady Sutton and E. D. Jordan's Laodamia and Elegance II were the mares competing

for the championship.

The association's challenge cup for the best hackney stallion in the show was awarded this morning. F. G. Bourne's Enthorpe Performer, the Gerkendale stock farm's Brandon and Prince Compton were the candidates. The cup must be wen the candidates. The cup must be wor twice in succession, and as it was won las year by Prince Compton there was much interest in today's award.

ANENT ALASKA'S BOUNDARY. San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

Adopts Resolution. SAN FRANCISCO, November 17 .- Th chamber of commerce of this city has adopted and sent to Secretary of State Ha the following resolution, referring to the Alaskan boundary question:

boundary lines, as established, be main-tained, and that no territory now lying on the American side thereof be yielded up or granted to the dominion of Canada." Tom Loftus to Succeed Tom Burns CHICAGO, November 17.-Tom Loftus

owner of the Grand Rapids franchise in the

League Base Ball Club.

"We earnestly request that the present

MR. SETTLE'S FUNERAL SUNDAY. at the Congressman's Home Grieve at His Loss, Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., November 17 .- The funeral of Representative Evan Settle occurs from the Baptist Church at Owenton Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He was a class and led the choir. Owenton is sorrowstricken today over the unexpected end which came to the popular and brilliant Kentuckian. Mr. Settle had planned to said he had been deceived and wronged. leave for Washington next Sunday. The death is made sadder by reason of the fact

husband has prostrated her.

At Lexington today Representative Settle's private secretary, James M. Gill, is also critically ill. Gill will be removed to Louisville this evening for an operation, with a hope of saving his life.

The gossipers are already busy talking of Settle's probable successor. At Frankfort it is thought that James Andrew Scott of Frankfort, ludge lere Morton and Coat

of Frankfort, Judge Jere Morton and Capt.
John Allen of Lexington are almost certain to be candidates. Mr. Mulligan of Lexington, ex-consul to Samoa, may also be a candidate. PLEASED WITH THE ELECTIONS.

Senator J. K. Jones' Views on the Result in Ohio. PINE BLUFF, Ark., November 17 .- Senator James K. Jones and wife are today in Pine Bluff, the guests of relatives. They leave tomorrow for Chicago, where the sen-

ator will attend the meeting of the demo-

eratic national committee. In an interview Mr. Jones said: "The Ohio election is one that speaks volumes for democracy, while to the administration it must carry unpleasant forebodings. The majority of the votes in Ohio is against the administration. With the republican party using an unlimited amount of money in Ohio, and in addition thereto, the federal patronage, it is no wonder that Ohio went as it did. I am sorry that Mc-Lean got beaten, for I expected him to be elected. As to Kentucky, we will, beyond question, carry it triumphantly to victory for democracy in 1900. As a whole, the lections were most favorable to the ocratic party. If the republicans are sat-sfied with the election, I certainly am. The returning of Maryland to the fold of democracy and the winning of Nebraska is an omen that bodes no good for the pres-

ent administration." EX-SPEAKER REED IN COURT,

Appears for Consolidated Gas Company of Brooklyn, NEW YORK, November 17.-Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed this morning made his first appearance as counsel in a case in the supreme court since his admission to the New York bar, when he appeared for the

defendants in the suit brought by William

J. Logan against John G. Moore, William

Rockefeller, Henry Rogers and others, for

an accounting of the affairs of the consolidation of the Brooklyn gas companies, William D. Hornblower represented the plaintiff. Former Supreme Court Justice William N. Cohen is associate counsel with Mr. Reed in the case. Mr. Hornblower, when the calendar had been called, introduced Mr. Reed to Justice Werner, who is presiding, and who greeted him warmly, Justice Werner, on the application of counsel on both sides, adjourned the hearng of the case until some other cases shall

KILLED THREE OF HIS CHILDREN. Cornelius Corcoran of Chicago Then Committed Suicide.

have been disposed of.

Kate, fourteen years old.

were convalescent.

CHICAGO, November 17 .- Cornelius Coreoran today shot and killed three of his children and fatally wounded the fourth child. Corcoran then killed himself. The dead:

Cornellus Corcoran, aged fifty-five years.

John, eight years old. Margaret, six years old. Fatally wounded: Ella Corcoran, four years old. A few days ago Corcoran administered audanum to his five children, the oldest of whom was fourteen years of age. He claimed the poison was given them by mis-

take, and was not molested by the authori-

Last night one of the children, Cor-us, jr., five years old, died. The others

Today Corcoran purchased a revolver and ried to finish the tried to finish the work of annihilation by shooting the children and himself through the head. Think They Found a Meteorite.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., November 17 .-While digging in the mines of the Bellefonte Furnace Company of Scotia the miners unearthed a lump of ore weighing sixty tons. Geologists claim that it must been a meteor.

Mrs. Leslie Carter Improving. COLUMBUS, Ohio, November 17 .- Mrs. Leslie Carter is reported very much im-American League, is slated to succeed Tom Burns as manager of the Chicago National proved. She is resting easier, and her physicians take a decidedly more favorable view of her condition.

DAMON WILL REMAIN

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The President Desires Him to Retain His Position.

OFFICIALS ON VERGE OF RESIGNING

Conditions in Hawaii Demand Remedial Legislation.

IN UNSATISFACTORY STATE

The President has refused to accept the

resignation of Mr. Damon, the Hawaiian minister of finance, and that official will remain in office, at least until such time as Congress provides for a different system of government for the Hawalian Islands. Mr. Damon's resignation was tendered while he was in Italy seeking to secure the emigration to Hawaii of Italian laborers, who are wanted on the plantations on the islands. This pursuit was in the interest of an organization of planters and capitalists, and it was thought to be scarcely fitting that the minister of finance should engage in such outside matters. The resignation was tendered under those conditions, but as Mr. Damon has since terminated the connection between himself and the organ-ization referred to the reason for its ac-

ceptance at once disappeared and he will continue in office. Need for Remedial Legislation.

That is only one of many recent happenings that has served to strengthen the President in the belief that the present state of affairs in Hawaii cannot be comtinued much longer without results disastrous to the material interests of the islands. There have also been complications in connection with the disposition of the crown lands, and altogether it is deemed necessary that Congress proceed at once upon reassembling to deal with the problem of supplying a permanent form of govern-ment for the islands to replace the present nondescript institution.

The Judiciary,

One consideration alone that is regarded as sufficient in weight to demand the most earnest consideration, and at the earliest possible moment, too, is the indefinite status of the Hawalian judiciary. In ordinary cases involving only property or even imprisonment this would be a matter of gravity, but when, as has happened regravity, but when, as has happened recently, human life is involved it is feit that
the stakes are too large to warrant recurless persistency in the present course. The
difficulty in these cases lies in a radical difference between the Hawlian and the
United States laws, and although Hawaii
has been by act of Congress declared a
part of the United States, yet the jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court
over the islands has been denied.

Status of Officials Undefined.

The status of the officials on the islands s also uncomfortably indefinite, even where those officers are connected directly with the local government. The latter officials owe a divided allegiance to President Mor Kinley and to President Dole, which is not regarded as sound practice. In the case of the United States officials Mr. Sewalh formerly United States minister to Hawalh is now rated as a "special agent" of the State Department, in order to carry him along until Congress otherwise provides. But it is doubtful if Mr. Sewall himself has a clear concention of his functions. Kinley and to President Dole, which is not a clear conception of his functions. tain it is that there has been more or less onflict of jurisdiction between himself and

Mr. Haywood, who is still ranked as consul-general of the United States, an anomalous office in view of the fact of annexation. In his case there is said to be the neces. sity of continuing the office, because under present conditions there is no other way to regulate the extensive trade between islands and the Pacific coast. Some one must issue papers to ships and certify to ommercial papers until the United State

tariff system goes into effect in Hawaii and

treasury officials replace the existing force of local officials. Trouble From Immigration.

The immigration question has also been a source of trouble, and until our own laws are applied in their entirety, there is at all times danger of complications with foreign powers resulting from the application of

the local laws,
All of these considerations have had their effect not only upon our own administra-tion, but also upon the official class in Ha-wall, and the latter, wearying of the frequent points of contact with the superior forces in America, have, like Mr. Damon, been at frequent intervals since annexa-

tion on the verge of resignation. FOR TARIFF CONCESSIONS.

Active Negotiations in Progress With Brazii.

Active negotiations are proceeding to se-

cure from Brazil such tariff concessions as will extend the market for American wheat and American flour in that country. It is understood that a proposition to that effect has heretofore been submitted to the authorities at Rio de Janeiro, and they have sought to accede to the desires of the authorities here. Definite results having been lacking, the Brazilian minister in Washington, Mr. Assis-Brasil, and Mr. Kaeson, the United States reciprocity commissioner, have taken up the negotiations in this city As Brazillan coffee enters the United States free of duty, the purpose of the American officials has been to secure tariff conces-sions on American products going to Brazil, chiefly flour and wheat, which would adequately reciprocate the benefits enjoyed by Brazil's chief product. While the Brazillan officials have expressed a wish to make an arrangement, it has been pointed out that the Brazilian congress would to amend the present law, and also that a large milling industry had recently sprung up within Brazil and was not likely to assent to an encouragement to American milling products. One solution which has been considered is a Brazilian tariff having a sliding scale, under which the United States would secure concessions on flour and grain in return for advantages entoyed by Brazilian and the Brazilian an joyed by Brazil. While the Brazilian authorities hope that will prove a satisfactory solution, yet there is a desire here to advance the negotiations to a definite co clusion, and the matter is being energetically considered.

Personal Mention.

Gen. Wade, commanding the Department of the Dakota, with headquarters at St. Paul, is on a visit to this city, and was at the War Department today in conference with officials.

Gen. Carey, formerly paymaster general of the army, who now resides in New York was at the War Department today renew ing old acquaintances.

The Detained Opera Singers. The detention of a number of Italians, members of an opera company, by the immigration authorities at New York, has

not been brought to the attention of the Italian officials in Washington, although it is quite likely to be, in which case repre-sentations will be made to the State Department concerning the reported indig-nity placed upon the persons detained, when they landed for the purpose of passing through the country to Guatemala.